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David Wallach et al.

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For: Anti-NIK Antibodies and Uses Thereof

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF
NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is a preliminary amendment filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 19, 2009. This response is timely filed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.